

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1968

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to recess, in room 2257, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Edith Green presiding.

Present: Representatives Green, Hathaway, Burton, Quie, and Erlenborn.

Staff members present: William F. Gaul, associate general counsel, and W. Phillips Rockefeller, minority research specialist.

Mrs. GREEN. The subcommittee will come to order for the further consideration of the Higher Education Amendments of 1968.

Our first witness is our very good friend and colleague and extremely able member of the full Committee on Education and Labor of the House, Congresswoman Mink. We are delighted to have you here. We are interested in your comments and your suggestions on this legislation.

STATEMENT OF HON. PATSY T. MINK, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII

Mrs. MINK. Thank you very much. I appreciate this opportunity to testify before your committee and would like to ask that the statement that I presented to the chairman be inserted in the record.

Mrs. GREEN. Without objection, it may be included at this point.

(The document referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. PATSY T. MINK, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII

Madam Chairman and members of the Subcommittee: It is a pleasure for me to appear before this subcommittee to urge your consideration of H.R. 15067, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, the National Defense Education Act of 1958, the National Vocational Student Loan Insurance Act of 1965, the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, and related acts.

We are all aware of the crisis in classroom and laboratory facilities and more so this year because of the "pinch" in Federal funds. Nevertheless, the need for these facilities will increase—almost in reverse proportion to the funds to be made available by the Federal government.

I am advised that the U.S. Office of Education made its most recent survey of instructional facilities in April of 1966. Its report, based on the five year period ending in 1970 indicates that public and private institutions of higher learning say they will need facilities expected to cost \$8.8 billion during this period ending in 1970.

However, we know that the Congress appropriated \$450 million for Titles I & II to the Higher Education Act for construction of undergraduate and graduate